East with INSAT-2A. All the transponders on INSAT-2D have been tested and their performance is satisfactory.

(c) INSAT-2D will add a total of 23 transponders to the INSAT system capacity.

Zonal Parking System for Vehicles

1062. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been conducted to ascertain the feasibility of zonal parking system whereby vehicle owners would pay parking charges only once a day in a zone;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The provision of parking systems in cities is looked after by local bodies, functioning under the control of the concerned State Governments. Government of India is not directly concerned with the provision of such systems.

(b) and (c) Does not arise. Solid Waste

Management in Urban Areas

1063. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is being done in the urban areas of our country in the matter of Solid Waste Management;

(b) what are the projects taken up by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment;

(c) what are the future plans of the Ministry; and

(d) what steps would be taken to implement the projects more efficiently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Solid Waste Management in urban areas is the responsibility of the concerned municipality/urban local body. Schemes for proper waste management are planned and implemented by the municipalities and urban local bodies under the State Plan, through internal resource generation, grants from State Governments and/or by taking loans from financial institutions. The Union Government assists in formulation of policies/guidelines, providing training and research facilities.

(b) and (c) No projects have been taken up by the Ministry at present. However, in order to tackle the problem of bird menance at 10 selected IAF airfields, viz. Ambala, Sirsa, Gwalior, Pune, Dundigal, Adampur, Tezpur, Jodhpur, Bareilly and Hindon, to prevent air accidents as proposed by the Ministry of Defence, the concerned State Governments & Urban Local Bodies have been requested to undertake proper solid waste management and drainage within a radius of 10 kms. around the airfields with Central assistance to be provided by this Ministry.

The Working Group on Urban Water Supply & Sanitation Sector for the 9th Five Year Plan has recommended a provision of Rs. 850 crores for Solid Waste Management activities in the first phase of five years. The recommendations are yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission and the National Development Council.

(d) A draft Manual on Solid Waste Management has been prepared with the assistance of the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur and circulated to the Urban Local Bodies for their comments/advice and finalisation in a workshop to be convened

shortly. The Manual would provide detailed guidelines for implementing projects more efficiently.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

1064. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering to regularise these unauthorised colonies;

(c) if so, whether any proposal in this regard has been received from the Delhi Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in announcing regularisation of these unauthorised colonies and by when such a decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) Proposals have been received from the Government of NCT of Delhi for regularisation of all unauthorised colonies as existed on 31.3.1993. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP. No. 4771/93 has restrained the respondents, including the Union of India, from taking any decision or action to regularise any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. The matter is still subjudice.

Mass Rapid Transport System in Delhi

1065. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of. URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what decision has since been taken by Government to introduce the contemplated Mass Rapid Transport System in Delhi which while helping reduce traffic congestion in Delhi, may also be eco-friendly and help reduce air pollution in Delhi roads; and

(b) what provision has been made for the purpose for 1997-98 and the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The investment approval to the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) Project was accorded by the Government on 17th September, 1996. It covers a total route length of 55.5 Kms. and the estimated cost at April, 96 prices, is Rs. 4860 crores. The project is slated to be completed by the year 2005.

(b) During 1997-98, provision of Rs. 150 crores has been made for Delhi MRTS Project. For the remaining period of IXth Five Year Plan, provision is yet to be finalised.

Promotional prospects for AEs In CPWD

1066. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CP. W.D. there is no scope for promotion of Assistant Engineers, having qualification of Masters Degree in Engineering or Equivalent, to the post of Executive Engineer;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take for the promotion of Assistant Engineers (M.Tech.) to the post of Executive Engineer;

(c) if not, the details of promotional avenue of Assistant Engineers possessing Masters degree in Engineering; and

(d) what is the scope of promotion for Assistant Engineers having Diploma and Degree in Engineering?